

**MINUTES OF THE TELECONFERENCE
OF THE
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

September 6, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wayne Stuberg called a teleconference of the Board of Physical Therapy to order on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at 8:40 a.m. The teleconference was held with the Credentialing Division's staff located in the Training Center, 3rd floor, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska and the Board Members at their respective businesses/homes. The teleconference was held for the purpose of expediting licensure issues.

Roll Call

The following Board Members and Staff of the Credentialing Division participated in the conference call:

Wayne Stuberg, Chairperson
Karen Brown, Vice Chair
Susan Jeffrey, Secretary
Raymond Frew, Lay Member

Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator
Delores James, Credentialing Coordinator
Teresa Hampton, HHSS Legal Staff

ASOPTION OF AGENDA

Stuberg moved, seconded by Jeffrey, for adoption of the agenda. Voting aye: Stuberg, Brown, Jeffrey and Frew. Voting nay: None. Not voting: None. Motion carried.

PARAPROFESSIONALS PRACTICING PT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Attachment A)

Stuberg proposed sending a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Nebraska licensed physical therapists and the directors of special education regarding employment and billing of paraprofessional services, if the paraprofessional is providing physical therapy services, which are required to be provided under the direction of a licensed physical therapist. The supervision requirements are found in the Physical Therapy Practice Act, Section 71-2812 and the rules and regulations; 172 NAC 137.

Stuberg asked Hampton for her comments on the letter. Hampton stated, that during her conversation with Hansmeyer, that she did not have a problem with the board sending an informational type letter, but she said that they might anger individuals.

Stuberg gave background information on why the Board thinks it is necessary to send a letter to all Nebraska licensed physical therapists and directors of special education. He talked about LB 445 and the reasons the bill was withdrawn.

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Hampton stated that she would need to review the letter more to see if is appropriate and to talk to Dick Nelson and Christine Peterson before she gives her opinion.

Stuberg moved, seconded by Jeffrey, to send the letter to directors of special education and Nebraska licensed physical therapists and that is to be done no later than a week from the date of this meeting. Voting aye: Frew, Stuberg and Jeffrey. Voting Nay: Brown. Not voting: None. Motion carried.

The Board will have another conference call on September 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. This will be done after Hampton has talked to Nelson and Peterson. If there needs to be changes to the letter, Stuberg will work with Hampton and send revisions to the other board members to review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the teleconference was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Jeffrey, Secretary